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## CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT New Filings, Recent Decisions, Litigation Calendar

This public session report is intended only as an information item for the public.<sup>1</sup> Commission communications with legal counsel about pending litigation or potential litigation are reserved for Closed Executive Session, per the Noticed Agenda.

## **New Filings**

Grossmont Union High School District v. Commission on State Mandates, et al. County of Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 04CS00028 CSM Case No. 03-L-10 [Graduation Requirements]
Date Filed: January 9, 2004

This action is among five other earlier reported cases that challenge the Commission's decisions for incorrect reduction claims entitled, *Graduation Requirements*. The Commission found that that the State Controller's Office had properly reduced the claims. The underlying test claim decisions concern Education Code section 51225.3 (Stats. 1983, ch. 498) and the requirement for science instruction in schools.

## **Recent Decisions**

None.

**Litigation Calendar** 

There are no cases scheduled for hearing.

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